GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COLD STORAGE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the concession being provided by the Government to the private parties for construction of storage godowns and cold storages;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide more concessions to these private parties and extend subsidy to entrepreneurs for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to increase the storage capacity in the wheat producing States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Government has provided the following concession to the private parties for construction of storage godowns and cold storages:-

The Department of Food and Public Distribution has announced a scheme under which seven years guarantee is being provided by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the private parties for construction of conventional storage godowns on Build −own-Operate basis at identified locations.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Scheme entitled `Capital Investment Subsidy scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce` through National Horticulture Board (NHB), NHB is providing financial assistance in the form of back-ended capital investment subsidy for construction of cold storages through National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs.50.00 lakhs per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost upto a ceiling of Rs.60.00 lakhs per project for North Eastern States. The eligible entrepreneurs under the scheme includes NGOs Association of Growers, partnership/Proprietry Firms, Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards/Committees and Agro-Industries Corporations.

(d): In order to increase the storage capacity in the Wheat producing States, FCI is giving long term guarantee to the State Agencies for construction of additional storage capacity. The State-wise storage capacity proposed to be constructed by March, 2002 under the scheme is as under:-

Name of State	Capacity (in lakh tones)
1. Punjab	41.60 (14 lakh tones has already been made available)
2. Haryana	10.00
3. Uttar Pradesh	8.53
4. Uttranchal	1.00
TOTAL	61.13